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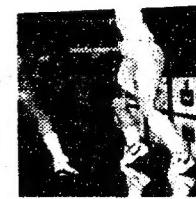
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ABC Speaker Discusses Race Issues in America

By BRIAN J. TODD

Speaking about the current state of racism and civil rights in America, Juan Williams addressed a large crowd at the College of Continuing Studies' Academy, Business and Community (ABC) Breakfast Thursday morning at the Holiday Inn Central.

"We've lost touch really with the heroic nature of that time," Williams said of current perceptions of civil rights in the nation.

In the 10 years that have passed since the publication of "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Experience 1954-1965," Williams said he has received much feedback on his book and the PBS series that was based upon it.

The current generation of Americans, including black Americans, he said, have at best, a vague idea of the discrimination that existed in the 1950s and 1960s.

One of the reasons, Williams said, is the focus of the civil rights movement in America has changed from being the issue of segregation it was 40 years ago to being an issue of economics today.

"I don't think it really is about keeping me out of the Holiday Inn, so much as it's about whether I can pay the bill," he said.

One of the positive changes that have come since the 1960s, he said, is the support Colin Powell was able to receive from American people of all races during the 1996 presidential race. He noted how people seemed to trust Powell regardless of his race. Williams said he was disappointed to see Powell decline to run.

One of the issues of race that faces America today, Williams said, is the fight in California over affirmative action.

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Retirement for Weber: a Beginning

By RENÉE NOVY

After the news conference announcing her husband's impending retirement, Lou Ann Weber looked around the hall of the William Thompson Alumni Center like a woman leaving a house she has lived in for quite awhile.

She hesitated for a moment, then pushed open the double doors to leave.

"We're out," she sighed heavily, to no one in particular.

The announcement of Chancellor Del Weber's retirement made local headline news. A media flurry ensued, in hopes of postulating the "why's" behind this decision (Is it politics? Is it work-weariness?) even before the official press conference on Jan. 15.

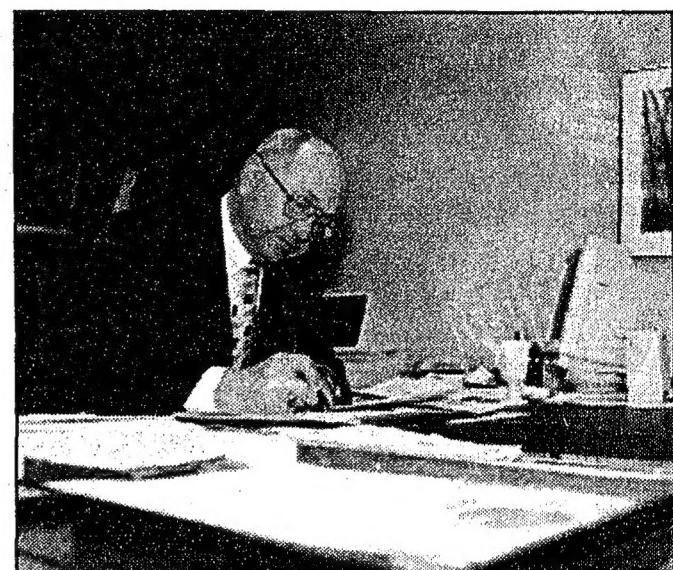
"My wife, Lou Ann, at first, as did I, had problems with the notion [of retirement]. This has been a decision I've been grappling with since September," Weber said.

"Most people who occupy these positions don't enjoy the luxury of retiring. Generally, they are fired or they move on. So it's wonderful to be at a place for 20 years, because you meet so many wonderful people and they become your friends... and you become emotionally attached."

"But the downside of that is also when you have to say good-bye because that's not easy to do. So I have struggled with that, as has my wife," Weber reflected.

"But once we made the decision that, this was it, we were going to do this, then I think both of us felt a sense of relief about it," he added.

Weber currently holds the honor of being one of the nation's longest serving chancellors/presidents of a university/college.



His final five months at UNO will be non-stop, Weber said.

However, Weber has an entirely different take on this distinction.

"I just hope that I brought a sense of integrity to the position, a willingness to listen to people, and an opportunity for people to participate in the process of making UNO a better institution," Weber said.

Physically, since 1977, under the overseeing eye of Weber, UNO has grown tremendously. These additions include the Durham Science Center, the bell tower, the renovation of the Arts and Sciences Building, the construction of the Fine Arts Building, and now, the upcoming creation of an

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Struggle to Find Husband in Afgan War Inspires UNO Author

By BONNIE ROSEBERRY

Tears clouded the vision of her sparkling dark brown eyes as Farooka Gauhari's sister, Parwin Ibrahini, briefly slipped back in time to a day one of the children of her extended family called her "Mom" and she had to say, "I'm not your mom. Your mom is the one over there, the one with the white shoes."

Afghani refugees, Ibrahini and her family observed Pakistani customs while they awaited passage to India — the frightened children couldn't see behind the strange veils covering their mother's faces.

Ibrahini said, "We didn't dare to cry, just to keep each other going." Gauhari, freshman coordinator and manager in UNO's department of biology, relives her experience in Afghanistan during the political turmoil of the 1970's and her desperate search for her husband, Saleem, in her book, "Searching For Saleem, An Afghan Woman's Odyssey."

Gauhari sat with her back straight and her hands folded on the desk in front of her as she talked about the process of writing the book and of Saleem's disappearance during a communist coup d'état on April 27, 1978. It took many years deciding to write the book,

she said, because of the danger it could pose for friends and family in Afghanistan and because of her own emotional healing.

Four years ago, Gauhari contacted Amnesty International in Geneva and found no record of Saleem's presence. Because of this and her promise "to someday take the voice of the country out," she decided to tell the world about the chaos in the streets of a country torn by war and the hatred among a society controlled and surveyed by a communist government. "You never know who's watching," she said. In the preface to her book, she writes, "PLEASE STOP THE WARS!"

Anti-government demonstrations had been going on for several days preceding the day Saleem went to work at the Air Force Headquarters in Kabul, never to return. On the April 27, bombs exploded all over town and mobs rushed the streets. Later the Kabul radio played the national anthem repeatedly for over an hour. Fear, shock, and anger swirled around Gauhari as she received information two days later from a friend that Saleem had been taken by armed soldiers.

Gauhari retells, in diary form, the search

she began that day and the long process of deciding to leave Afghanistan. Her family (mother, brothers, and sisters) met in secret on many occasions before making a "family group decision to leave."

Gauhari's sister said the decision was hardest for her mother. They were accustomed to the life of the upper-middle-class and knew they would lose their possessions

and financial security if they left. "[Afghans] see America as heaven...it is when we consider freedom, but not other adaptations," Gauhari said, adding, "it took a lot of courage to leave."

But the reasons for leaving outweighed those for staying. Gauhari said the govern-

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Dashing through the snow



GAUHARI



Steve Hartman

These sledders found themselves on a downhill adventure over the weekend courtesy of a sledding trip sponsored by the Outdoor Venture Center

Denise Answers Questions about Workplace Racism, Mothers-in-Law

Dear Denise

I am a black person working in an office with several other blacks. However, they constantly bad-mouth me and give me a hard time because they say I'm not "black enough." Isn't this discrimination? What can I do to tolerate their rudeness?

Looking for Tolerance

Dear Looking:

Your question certainly gets a reaction from people. Being a white woman, I did not feel qualified to answer you alone. So, I went to the Office of Multicultural Affairs at UNO. Master Success Coordinator and Graduate Assistant Robyn McDonnell said when she hears people making comments like that about others "it shows they are not secure with who they are."

Graduate Assistant Brian Zanders said he was raised to not use slang at home, but slang was allowed with his friends. "I don't let people's opinions affect me," he said.

Dr. Odra Bradley said he could answer the question as a citizen, not as the director of Multicultural Affairs. He approached your question differently than I did. I went to their office looking for people who had experience what you had and how they tolerated it. He said it sounded like you have already decided you should tolerate this behavior. That raises a new question: should you?

"I would not tolerate a situation like that," he said. He suggested if you have a supervisor, you should talk to that person.

Bradley said there might be times when it is not practical to speak out. When his children were young and he needed his job

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ment "made my 5-year-old daughter spy on me." They approached her daughter, Sahar, and asked questions to which she responded with stories about the family dog.

The Russians also stole children from school yards and put them in military training. Gauhari stopped sending her children to school to protect them from the government.

The process of escaping to the United States was long and difficult. Gauhari received help from a former student to obtain permission to get a passport. But once she had permission, she still had to go through a lengthy process and pay three years' salary.

For safety reasons, all of Gauhari's family, except her children and one brother, left Afghanistan first, traveling overland through Pakistan to India with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. Of their escape, Parwin said, "Farooka helped us a lot. She is the backbone of the family."

In India, they stayed with friends and relatives until Gauhari and her children flew to meet them.

Looking at the landscape of Afghanistan from the window of the plane, Gauhari remembered her husband's request that she pray for him at his resting place. She still does not know where that place is. In her book, she writes that on Memorial Day she places flowers on forgotten graves.

Gauhari and her family have been free from the tyranny of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan for the past 16 years. She says, "Americans take freedom for granted...[you] don't know until you don't have it." Her book, "Searching for Saleem" gives a true picture of what it would be like to not have it.

to provide for his family he said, "I bit my tongue a lot of times."

"You get to a point when you know you have to speak up," Bradley said.

So, Looking, there are others out there like you. I'm guessing there are many, many people who know exactly how you feel and are standing with you. I found three in just one room. They have handled it in different ways, depending on where they were in life. Only you can know when the time is right to speak up. Until that time, you just have to take it.

Letting a problem fester until I explode is something I do feel comfortable giving advice about, since I often do it the wrong way. When you decide it is time to speak up, please do it in a very calm manner. People get defensive if you accuse them or seem angry. If you simply say in an even voice, "I'm sorry you feel that way," it will have a much greater effect than shouting accusations ever could.

Good luck. If you get a chance, let me know how things work out.

Dear Denise:

I'm not even engaged yet, but my significant other's mom is driving me crazy. What can I do to keep her from becoming the "mother-in-law from hell" and making me totally insane?

Mother-in-Law Madness

Dear Madness:

You don't say what she does that bothers you, so there is not

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Institute of Sciences and Technology (IS&T) Building for the newly added college, the addition of doctoral programs, as well as the likely prospect of dorms and residence halls on the recently acquired land through the FDR-UNO proposal.

Past Reflections

"In 1977, UNO was only nine years from having been Omaha University," Weber explained. "[The university] was still struggling. There were growing pains, and it was kind of like being an adopted son into a new family. The question was: How does this institution fit now with its big brothers, that is, the medical center and UNL," Weber recalled.

"So there was that opportunity to shape it as to what it would be," he said. "In this job, there was always a challenge."

"But the best thing that can be said about this is these things happened under my watch," he continued. "I really can't take credit for a lot of these things, and there are so many people involved in this process [of growth]."

"I've just been a cheerleader of sorts, trying to energize projects," Weber laughed. "I might have been the energizer, but it's the deans and faculty that had to do [these projects] in the long run. It is those people that did the most."

Despite the fact that Weber's retirement will take place within the next five months, his calendar is hectic.

"I won't have any free time until I'm gone," Weber chuckled.

Weber's Future

"My next year is pretty well set. My next year-and-a-half is with the university. I'll be doing a lot of studying and I will prepare for helping the UNO capital campaign—and hopefully I can spend time raising money for the university," Weber outlined.

"I'm looking forward to taking advantage of what's going on on campus," Weber said. "I frankly haven't had the chance to take part in as much as I'd like. I just don't think I'll have enough hours to do all I want to do."

Weber continues his involvement in many of the high profile projects currently underway on campus. Weber says he is committed to "keeping the ball rolling" on projects that have begun. He emphasizes there is no question about

much I can suggest. I can tell you that forging a relationship with your mother-in-law can take a little work. We have never lived in the same state with my in-laws. Still, it took us a while to get along—and that was long distance.

My husband was on my side from day one which really helped. We used humor to band together and laugh at their demands. Then we usually did what they wanted because it was easier that way.

I try to solve every dilemma in my life with humor. That does not work for everyone, though. One day my mother-in-law, who has to have everything just right, was absentmindedly rearranging everything on my table so it would all be evenly spaced. I handed her a tape measure. She started laughing. I started kidding around with her more, and now I feel like we are friends. (I have no idea how she feels.)

When all else fails, I think of her as the one person on earth who loves my husband as much as I do. That makes up for a multitude of sins.

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whether or not his replacement will see these projects finalized during his or her new term.

"First of all... the projects we've worked on are now set, it's just a matter of implementing them. For IS&T, there is already a dean in place, Dr. Michael Mulder. He doesn't need Del Weber around to see things through. The FDR proposal has already been signed into effect," Weber confirmed.

In addition, Weber said it is his intention "before I leave to go before the Board of Regents for further discussion on the status of dorms. It is my hope that the process towards building dorms will not be a long way down the road."

Weber is certain "a superb person will be hired for this job."

"There is no one who is indispensable, including Del Weber. If I had any qualms about this, I wouldn't leave," he said.

Weber described sensing an impression of common pride he has watched grow over the campus during his time here and he thinks the incoming chancellor should also feel that pride.

Like a 'Family'

Weber says he is not sure that these last few months will be the easiest for him to complete. "This is a huge transition, and there is no way to describe it," Weber said with lowered voice.

"I'll be glad when the next 5 months are over, and the good-byes are done," he continued.

"This is like family. There are people on this campus that I've probably never seen, but there are more I do know than not.

"It comes close to a family beyond one's own," he said.

"My wife has from time to time said things like, 'You won't need to buy suits anymore. That will save us money,' and 'I don't know what I'm going to do with you at home all the time,' but I won't be."

"This is a new chapter in my life and I don't know what's going to happen. Obviously, I'm not going to build another 20 year career, but I hope what I do is as significant as this," he said.

"There's a tomorrow out there, a future, and I will be pursuing that," Weber concluded.

Weber's retirement starts June 30. He then will enjoy status as a Chancellor Emeritus of UNO.

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MEDICAL NEWS

Garlic Stays In the Blood, Experts Say

REUTERS MEDIA SERVICES

LONDON—Toothpaste and a night's sleep are not enough to get rid of the reminders of a garlicky meal, and scientists reported Thursday they now know why — it seems garlic stays in the blood.

Werner Lindinger and colleagues at the University of Innsbruck in Austria said their findings could explain why garlic can lower blood cholesterol, New Scientist reported.

They analyzed the breath of volunteers for up to 30 hours after they had eaten garlic and found most of the strong smelling chemicals such as sulphides fell off after a few hours.

But three compounds — allyl methyl sulphide, dimethyl sulphide and acetone — were still present in high levels in the blood 30 hours later.

Acetone — a well-known solvent — is known to be one of the chemicals produced when fatty compounds such as cholesterol are broken down.

Lindinger said he believed garlic brought about metabolic changes in the body.

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Affirmative action, he said, is too easily vilified by its opponents as a program of quotas and is sometimes not seen by the public as a way to ensure doors are opened for blacks.

Even though there are laws against discrimination on the books, he said, discrimination still exists in a subtler way. Banks will often decline to make business loans in black areas of a city, citing financial risk reasons. But keeping investment out of those inner cities helps perpetuate the cycle that brings that risk about.

Williams was the third speaker in this year's ABC Breakfast series. The next speaker will be Ken Auletta on March 11, speaking on "Potholes and Opportunities Along the Information Superhighway." On April 23, Mark Victor Hansen, author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul," will conclude this year's ABC Breakfast series.

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Slain Officer Gives Greatest Gift

BY SAVONDA N. JOHNSON

On the day he died, one Omaha man gave the greatest gift to a Harlan woman he never even met.

On Aug. 20, 1995, Omaha Police Officer Jimmy Wilson Jr. was fatally shot during a routine traffic stop. Wilson, who had received a severe gunshot wound to the head, was rushed to an area hospital where he was pronounced clinically dead. He remained on life support a while longer while his family decided they would go along with his wishes and donate his organs. The younger Wilson noted his desire to become an organ donor by signing the anatomical gift form on the back of his driver's license.

"Jimmy had already made up his mind to donate his organs," Retired Officer James Wilson Sr. said in a Wednesday afternoon telephone interview. "I was up in Canada and I decided for my family because my wife was in no shape to answer that kind of question. We went ahead with his wishes."

That phone call saved a woman's life in Harlan, Iowa. Barbara Fairchild, who had suffered a severe heart attack had already undergone several procedures to repair her worn out heart.

"I had an angioplasty and bypass surgery," Fairchild said in a Wednesday morning interview. "My doctor hoped it would heal my heart but it did not."

Fairchild went to the hospital June 15, and was put on an intravenous drip and a monitor as she waited for a new heart. She did not know when or how soon her hopes of survival

would come, but one family's tragedy brought new hope.

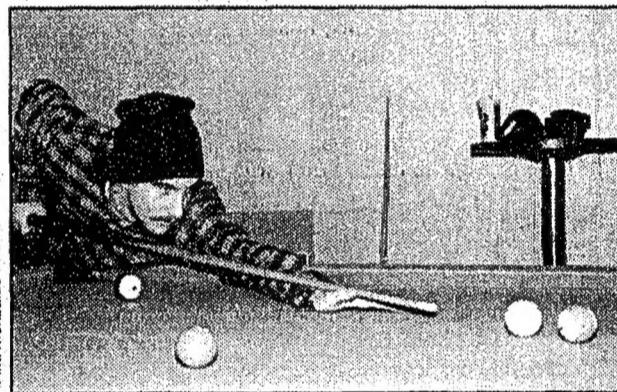
On Aug. 21, 1995, Fairchild received her new 'beat' on life through a generous gift from the young slain officer who everyone called Jimmy.

"I just happened to be the right person at the right time," Fairchild said. "I have no rejection whatsoever with Jimmy's heart. My doctor prescribed medication that would cut down on my rejection and so far the heart has been a perfect match."

Although this is one example of success of an organ donation, there are examples of why this does not work for everyone else. There are thousands of people who are waiting for their "gifts" too. Many people are unaware of the facts that surround organ donation. This is a very important issue since every 30 minutes another person is added to the national organ waiting list.

According to the National Organ Transplant Foundation (NOTF) a single donor can donate organs and tissues that may save or help as many as 25 different recipients. It is very important that individuals make their organ donation wishes clear and known to their family members.

"In these hospital settings, the doctors are positive that there is nothing more they can do for the patient," Fairchild said. "I discussed it with the family and local morticians and there is a consciousness that this is all tastefully done. People should not worry about their bodies being mutilated or destroyed. They will have the highest respect taken for them."



-Ana Merizalde

Freshman Writer's Workshop major James Sullivan practices his aim at a pool table in the Game Room in the Student Center.

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Opinions & Editorials

Old Memories and Empty Promises

BY SAVONDA NICOLE JOHNSON

Staff Editorial

I ran into you over the holidays. You dragged on and on about how wonderful your life is since you got engaged (in my head I am thinking "marriage police, pull over.") You then proceeded to show me your cute rock of cubic zirconia that would scratch the skin off my hand if I touched it. You spoke in this lovely bubbly voice about how happy you are with whichever guy you are going to marry.

As I tried to refrain from rolling my eyes, I began noticing how different you have become. You are no longer the girl I



used to sit with, there in the cafeteria talking about what cute guys we know and how talented we are because we could identify the whole football team by their butts. The girl who used to tell me about her fights with her parents is not the same girl. You are a woman. No longer the giggly school girl that I used to consider my friend.

I took notes on how neatly your manicured nails look, as well as how flawless your makeup is brushed upon your face. I noticed the designer jacket you are wearing. Neatly pressed and with no hanger marks.

You continued to blab on and on about how many wedding plans you have made. How you are going to pick your

bridesmaids, and of course, you asked me if I wanted to be included in your wedding party of strangers. Of course, I politely said no.

We moved on to how the other girls in the group are doing. Some have had babies, and some have already been married and divorced. I just stood there in awe of how much you and they have changed while I have remained the same.

I am still the same good ol' Savonda. The one who never went to Friday night parties, but listened patiently as you told me all the intimate details; the one with the strict father, the one who never kissed a guy; the one who you cried to if your boyfriend for the week dumped you; and the one that was so

dependent on your life to make her life more interesting.

You hugged me at graduation and promised that we would all stay friends forever — but I know that sometimes we forget promises.

Then, of course, I lied and told you I have to run. Of course, you squeezed me and promised to call. It's okay, I know you won't.

As I walked away I quickly wiped that tear that I had been blinking back. You never asked me how school was, you never asked me if I was seeing anyone, you never asked if my father still locks me up Friday nights. Just like old times.

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Star Wars Reveals Blast from the Past

In a galaxy far, far away...

Do you remember the first time you saw Star Wars?

I can vaguely recall going to the first of the trilogy when I was a little kid. In retrospect, I don't see how this was possible, since the movie came out in 1977, yet I can remember parts of the first Star Wars, making the second all the more enjoyable.

Today, the re-release of Star Wars happens in theaters across the country. Redigitized sound and spruced up visual effects have been added, including four and one-half minutes of additional footage. Is this enough to make people want to rush out and see the film? To some, it may be important enough. For others, it may be their first encounter with the "Force."

Why has the trilogy become such a classic?

A gamble was made by producer George Lucas, and it paid off. Millions have seen the movie, and probably millions more will view it upon its second release. I think the movie is something that my generation can identify with. No, I don't mean there is some psychological answers behind Chewbacca the Wookie, or Luke Skywalker kissing his later-to-be-revealed sister, Princess Leia. It seems like everyone I have talked to has experienced the movie.

Just the other day, myself and two friends went to Taco Bell to grab a bite to eat. Now, we're mature, business students (some will argue the mature part) going out for lunch, when upon entering the drive thru, the car turns into elementary lunchroom hysteria.



"They got toys! They got Star Wars toys in the kid's meal! Can I get the Millenium Falcon?" I yelled. Unfortunately, my appetite overrode my yearning for the three cent plastic toy, and I placed a real order. Soon though, I returned to bellowing, as the employee handed us our drinks.

"Look at the cups! Those are so cool!"

The outside of the cups were a blue metallic color, with the picture of C3PO on it, and the title of the movie. A simple, paper cup had turned the vehicle to utter lunacy, as I vowed to keep the souvenir forever.

So many of my childhood memories have disappeared, yet somehow I have managed to hold on to a few waning remembrances.

I can recall sitting in the dentist's office on Dodge Street, nervously awaiting the call of my name to go sit in the chair. I like to think of the dentist's waiting room as though the people are sitting on death row, patiently waiting to be electrocuted in the chair in the other room. At least, this was my perspective as a seven year old.

As my name was called, I went and sat in the chair. The dentist tried to make me feel comfortable, but I paid no attention. There in neon green letters, on an enormous banner across the street at the Indian Hills theater, were the words "Return of the Jedi." I immediately knew this was the long awaited third in a series of three Star Wars movies. I didn't need anything to numb the pain of the drill that was applying hundreds upon hundreds of pounds of pressure on my teeth. I was lost in the Dagobah system, anxiously awaiting my next lesson from the Jedi Master, Yoda. I was supposed

to get my wisdom teeth pulled two years ago, but I have conveniently put it off. Maybe now I can once again drift off into the world of Star Wars, hoping to defeat the Empire, or maybe join the dark side. Or maybe not.

I wish I would have kept all the toys I had accumulated over those precious childhood years. My millenium falcon, Boba Fett's slave ship (who, by the way, was my favorite character), and the X-wing fighter. On the other hand, it would give me another excuse not to do my homework. This movie has been a great influence on many lives, whether people realize it or not. Hopefully, these same people will spread their experiences and excitement with the upcoming generations. Who knows. There just might be a Jedi waiting to be taught the ways of the Star Wars realm.

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Opinions & Editorials

Crowned Royalty's Physique Weighty Issue

You've come a long way, baby...in the wrong direction.

Miss Universe, Venezuela native Alicia Machado, has recently come under intense scrutiny for gaining more than "life-long memories and experiences" since she was crowned Miss Universe last May.

Shriek! Groan! She gained a little weight.

In the circuit that vehemently stresses that the pageants are more than beauty contests, the simple fact that a winner is be-

work out and exercise as vigorously as she had prior to the pageant.

But did she "let herself go"? She was, and still is very beautiful and would still get whistled at when walking down the street, despite her unspeakable "crime." Now that she is no longer starving herself and actually eating like a healthy human being, she is probably much happier, healthier and balanced than before.

So what does it mean to be Miss Universe, Miss America,

Miss County Fair or even Miss Hog Slop '97? Is it nothing more than a congratulatory award for starving yourself, learning how to walk in spike heels and smiling for the camera? It sure seems so.

But what does new-owner Donald Trump have to say about Machado? When asked the question, he replied that he will now be her own personal trainer and make sure she sticks with her training regimen.

What a man.



ing threatened with having her title and crown taken away for gaining a few pounds seems to suggest that the spokespersons are only repeating the propaganda their lawyers tell them to say.

Entertainment Tonight (one of the most ethical and hard-hitting news shows, of course) reported Tuesday night, "The 5-foot-9 beauty ballooned to between 150 to 160 lbs."

Funny thing, though: according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' weight ranges for adults, for a 5'9" woman, the "healthy weight" is between 129-168 pounds. She is only "moderately overweight" between 169-196 pounds.

As much as I would love to go into a tirade about how ridiculous it is that for a woman to be beautiful, she must be sickeningly thin and unhealthy, and how these unrealistic expectations forced upon women are damaging, I won't.

But what I will say is how ridiculous and degrading this situation has become. Dressed in the ever-so-slimming black from head-to-toe, what was Miss Universe Alicia Machado doing at a recent press conference? She was jumping rope!

Now it's almost as if her weight gain was a type of behavior so extreme that she deserved to be publicly humiliated. As if she owed it to the world to humiliate herself, discuss something as personal as her own weight and beg for their forgiveness.

Because, when it comes down to it, her sole duty for the year is to fulfill the role of puppet. But, she argues, it was this role that contributed to her "demise."

Being swept away from appearance to luncheon to dinner banquet, not only was she eating meals far more complete than the saltines and lettuce she had probably consumed to attain the weight needed to win the title, but she no longer had the time to



'Correct Me if I'm Wrong'

Dear Editor:

In his last column (English Speakers of America Unite!), Brian Todd said, "correct me if I'm wrong." I was compelled to write. Brian used the term national language incorrectly. Of course we have a national language -- English. National language is the language (or languages) spoken by the people living in a country. It has nothing to do with laws, a national language is just what people do. The term Brian is looking for is official language. Semantics, he might say. But, if he wants to discuss linguistics, he had better pay attention to semantics.

Brian said, "In Brazil they speak Portuguese. In Canada, they have two national languages, English and French. Every other country in this hemisphere speaks some version of Spanish." The official language of Haiti is French. The official language of Belize is English.

Brian said, "The constitution, all civil codes and 200 plus years of jurisprudence are all written and codified in English." The constitution was also written in German so the people who lived in New York (and spoke German then) would support it.

Brian wrote: "So why not just replace English with another language (say Spanish) if it becomes, numerically, the second language of the country?" It is the second most spoken language in our country. The U.S. is the 5th largest Spanish speaking nation in the world.

I spoke to Dr. Gordon Mundell, associate professor of English. "Is he talking about monolingual countries or countries with official language policies?" he asked after reading the column.

Brian said, "But English is the defacto language of this country. People who live in this country should understand it." Referring to the past 200 years of immigration, Mundell said, "The very first thing immigrants do is learn English, and they never had a law to tell them to do so."

Brian said in California people can take their written drivers test in many different languages. Then he said, "Yet the road signs and street markers in California are all written in English." The physical skill of driving is pretty much the same in any language. But reading and writing those skills in a language other than your own is much harder. For example, I, an English-speaker, rented a car in England (where they speak English). In addition to the international road signs there were several others we could not figure out. However, when I rented a car in South Korea, we figured out all of the signs on our own, in spite of the language barrier. I never would have passed their written test, though.

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SPORTS

Lady Mavs in World of Hurt

What happens when your second-leading rebounder doesn't play? If you're on the UNO women's basketball team, you get out-rebounded. In two games last weekend, the Lady Mavs grabbed 63 rebounds. Their opponents, North Dakota State and North Dakota, garnered 98.

While it's true that the North Dakota schools are the top two teams in the NCC, the loss of senior Amy Loth has surely made rebounding a tall order for the Lady Mavs.

Lady Mav Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg said as much

after Saturday night's game with North Dakota, in which her players could only muster 5 offensive rebounds. "When you have your second-leading rebounder

hurt..." she trailed off.

"It took her three years to learn how important it is," Mankenberg said of Loth, "and she's really been doing a good job for us this year. But now we've got to get these young kids going."

Young indeed. Freshman Keri Feilen and Sophomore Jill Ohm have been filling in for the injured Loth at guard. Freshman Katie Welsh has started much of the season at the other guard position. But that's not all. Freshmen Sarah Larson and Jenny DeSmet have seen a significant amount of playing time on the inside. As Mankenberg put it, "They're getting their feet wet real quick."

The fact that the Lady Mavs have been able to remain competitive with teams the caliber of the North Dakota schools (ranked first and third in the nation) speaks well for the younger players. But the fact that Mankenberg thinks they can beat those teams speaks even more highly of them.

I'll wager this also means Mankenberg will be running a few rebounding drills during practice. "So many of these guards come in from high school and they think they're just shooters and everybody else does the dirty work," she said. "Well, they've got to do it too."

And the Hits Keep Coming

Loth isn't the only Lady Mav hurt. Mankenberg's team experienced a string of freak injuries last week.

First, Idelle Murphy, a 6-foot-4 center who, according to Mankenberg, was starting to practice very well, fell and broke a bone in her hand. Then Loth, who was backpedaling while practicing her defense, broke a bone in her foot when she stepped on another player's foot. Finally, freshman Angie Schroer who, at 6-foot-2, would have been an asset for the Lady Mavs in the middle, blew her knee out during pre-game warm-ups on Friday.

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Kelley Wrestles *Gateway* Mav of the Month Honors

BY JIM HEALEY

While on his way to becoming a two-time NCAA Division II all-American as well as a three-time academic all-American, UNO wrestler Pat Kelley has juggled school, work, marriage and, most recently, fatherhood.

Kelley, a native of Cody, Wyo., came to UNO in the fall of 1992 and redshirted his freshman year. He spent his redshirt season wrestling "unattached", or independent of the team. His early successes, placing first in the Iowa Central Open and fourth at the Central Missouri Open, foretold the impact he would have on the team in later years.

Over the next three years, Kelley compiled a 61-10-0 record while earning all-American honors in both his sophomore and junior years. In addition to national recognition, he was named UNO Male Athlete of the Year during his junior year.

This season, Kelley has posted a 23-2 record and has his sights on a national championship. "Receiving all-American honors as a sophomore was great," Kelley said, "but a lot of guys have done that here. This year I want to win a national championship."

Mav head coach Mike Denney described Kelley as a leader

who is positive and soft spoken. "Pat walks the walk," he said.

"It's really enjoyable as a coach to watch him develop as a wrestler and a person", said Mav head coach Mike Denney.

Denney and Kelley share a father-son type of relationship away from the mat.

"Coach is someone you can turn to," Kelley said. "He's religious and he's really got his priorities in order."

Denney said he enjoys building solid relationships with his wrestlers. "I've got 29 sons. All of these guys are like family. I treat them like my own sons," he said.

Assistant Coach Ron Higdon said his friendship with Kelley involved many extracurricular activities away from the rigors of practice.

"We're great friends. Last summer we did a lot of landscape-work together," he said.

Higdon praised Kelley's leadership on the team. "Pat has really matured on the mat and as a leader. He is very intelligent and quietly leads the team."

Braumon Creighton, a sophomore wrestler, said Kelley is an example for the whole team. "Coach [Denney] always says, 'There are three ways to lead: Example, Example, Example', and Pat Kelley has been the best leader I've seen since I've been here."

In his limited free time, Kelley enjoys spending time with his wife, Amy. They have been married for almost four years and became parents nine months ago to Patrick Quinton Kelley IV.

Kelley plans to graduate within two semesters with a degree in management information systems. Upon graduation, he plans to help Coach Denney until his brother, Shawn Kelley, a redshirt freshman wrestler at UNO, has graduated. Eventually, he wants to settle near his hometown.



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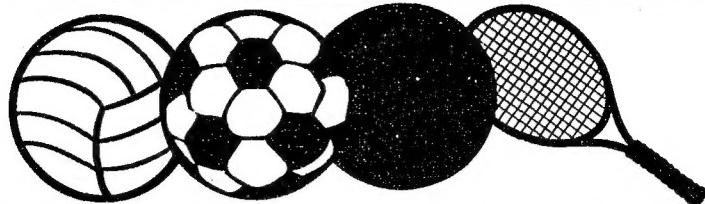
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